

**Script for STAR Education Celebration
Taping Wednesday, April 2, 2008
3:30 p.m., Governor's Press Room**

Marsha and I want to congratulate all of this year's Star Students, who represent some of the best and brightest in Mississippi. Your success is a shining example of the true value of dedication, commitment and self-sacrifice. Beyond that, you also bring pride to each of your individual communities, and that makes Mississippi a better place.

These are exciting times; the 21st Century is already marked by tremendous achievements in Mississippi. Our challenge is to do everything we can to ensure that those who come behind us will have greater opportunities to live their dreams than any group of people ever did. So I encourage you to continue your education, continue to serve your communities and continue to be role models. Together, we will keep Mississippi moving forward.

Congratulations, God bless you, and keep up the fantastic work!